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Attorney Docket No. 06843.0009.08000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keith E. Langley, et al.)
Serial No.: 08/803,954) Examiner: R. Hayes
Filed: February 21, 1997) Group Art Unit: 1817
For: METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITOR) **RECEIVED**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants have extended the period for response one month by the concurrent filing today of a Petition For Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In an Office Action dated December 8, 1997, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group I (claims 1-11, 28-29, 31-32 and 37), the claims of Group II (claim 34), and the claims of Group III (claims 38-39).

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, 28-29, 31-32 and 37, drawn to polypeptides having metalloproteinase inhibitor activity, and pharmaceutical compositions, with traverse.

To the extent any further extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there

are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 6, 1998

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